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Space for Machine Destruction of
Classified Waste

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1. As [] told you yesterday morning, we are considering recommending a pilot installation of a machine designed to destroy classified waste. For this purpose an installation designed to destroy boxed Records Center material is being considered.

2. While such an installation would logically be located at the Records Center, there is no space available in or near the Center. Further, the Office of Security feels that there would be some advantage in having this pilot installation in or near Washington. Hauling the material from the Center to the machine would be no problem.

3. The installation consists of two pieces of equipment, one requiring floor space 6' by 8' and the other 6' by 6'. Allowing for working space we believe an area about 16' by 20' would be adequate. A 14' ceiling is required. Either 220 or 440 volt electricity is needed to operate motors, totalling 73 HP.

4. You mentioned four possibilities; [] the garage, []. Of these, we believe the garage or the [] are better locations for our purpose.

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5. Please advise us as to the availability of space for the purpose outlined above.

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